

SMASHING GAINS BY INDIAN TROOPS IN CENTER OF TRANS-ITALY BATTLEFRONT REPORTED BY GEN. EISENHOWER TODAY

The Enemy, Though Fighting Fiercely, is Being Forced Back—Attack in Mountains Repulsed—French and Americans Make Advances on 5th Army Front

By International News Service
ALGIERS, Dec. 23.—Smashing gains by Indian troops of the Eighth Army, in the center of the trans-Italy battlefront, were reported today by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

On this front "the enemy, though fighting fiercely, is being forced back," Eisenhower reported, adding that "the enemy attack in the mountains was repulsed."

On the Fifth Army front, French and American troops made advances. The Yanks captured a hill northwest of Filignano in the Casale Mountain mass, and also seized 3,000-foot high Mount Cavallo, three miles northwest of Venafro.

"Elsewhere" on the Fifth Army sector, said the report, "activity was limited to minor clashes and to the patrolling and consolidating of positions previously gained."

A fierce and uninterrupted house-to-house battle was raging at Ortona. Last reports from that area indicate the Germans still are holding out in a desperate effort to prevent the Canadians from breaking through Ortona and gaining full control of the vital roads which lead ultimately to Rome.

Below Ortona, the Indians poured across the lateral road running from Guardigliere through Orsogna and eastward to the Adriatic at Ortona. These veterans continued driving onward toward the next lateral road, six miles to the northwest.

Cancel Children's Party; Will Deliver Gifts

The joint Christmas party for the children of Newport and surrounding area, Bensalem Township, sponsored by the Citizens Defense Association and Newport Fire Co. No. 1, has been cancelled due to the cold and influenza epidemic. The decision was made during the last meeting of the organizations.

Arrangements have been made to deliver to the children at their homes, candy and novelties on Sunday. Heads of the defense group will be contacted to determine families with children.

The Citizens' Defense Association also announces that nomination of officers will be held on January 3rd.

Mrs. Harry Polst Is Victim of Heart Ailment

NEWPORTVILLE, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Harry Polst died last night at her home in Newport Terrace of a heart ailment. She was the widow of Harry Polst who died six years ago.

Survivors include two daughters and a son: Mrs. Raymond Robinson, with whom Mrs. Polst resided; Mrs. Walter Fox, of Newport Terrace; and Joseph Polst, of Hasbrouck Heights, N. J. Six grandchildren also survive.

Mrs. Polst was a member of the Cheerful Workers of Newportville Church, and had attended service in that edifice last Sunday. Her death came as a shock to those who knew her. She had resided in this section for the past 20 years.

HOME FROM NEW HEBRIDES

DOYLESTOWN, Dec. 23.—The first Doylestown youth to return for a furlough from New Hebrides, off the east coast of Australia, is Coxswain James B. Shelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Shelly, who arrived home Sunday afternoon. The trip from the Pacific coast was made by day coach, but it was good to get back to good old Doylestown and a fresh shave and haircut after "jungling" for the past 17 months. Coxswain "Jim" lost 15 pounds on the trip home from New Hebrides. He's in the "Seabees." Shelly had Thanksgiving dinner aboard a transport ship on the way home, but he'll have his Christmas dinner in Doylestown.

If you have a room or apartment for rent advertise it in the Courier.

LOCAL WEATHER OBSERVATIONS
FOR 24 HOUR PERIOD ENDING 8 A. M.
AT ROHM & HAAS WEATHER OBSERVATORY
BRISTOL, PA.

Temperature Readings
Maximum 40 F
Minimum 26 F
Range 14 F
P. C. Relative Humidity 50
Precipitation (inches) 0

TIDES AT BRISTOL

High water .. 12:42 a. m.; 1:12 p. m.
Low water .. 7:47 a. m.; 8:21 p. m.

THE WAR AT A GLANCE

By International News Service

Violent tank battles raged today both in Italy and Russia as the Germans sought desperately to halt the advance of determined Allied armies pressing forward on the roads to Rome and Berlin.

By far the greatest struggles between armored armadas seen in many months progressed all along the lengthy Russian front, where the Nazi High Command hurled huge forces of tanks and infantry against the Red Army.

Prime objective of the enemy thrusts was to stop the first Baltic Army, under Gen. Ivan Bagramian, in its drive toward the White Russian communications center of Vitebsk.

Sixteen individual counter-thrusts in the area near this key city were beaten off as the Soviets took another 20 towns and villages, while pressing to less than 15 miles of the rail-highway junction.

These counter-attacks being unsuccessful, the Germans obviously hoped to force Marshal Joseph Stalin to divert some of his army's strength from the Vitebsk area to other sectors far to the south. Both in the Dnieper bend and at the Kiev bulge the Nazis launched fierce attacks by massed infantry and tanks, but Russian gunners and tanks quickly smashed these enemy bids, inflicting heavy losses on the Hitler hordes.

The northern Russian offensive approached to within 50 miles of the Latvian border, and the British radio said Soviet paratroops recently had been dropped within the borders of the occupied Baltic states. Pamphlets were said to have been distributed urging the populace to rise against the Germans.

These reports, unconfirmed by the Russians, were taken to indicate that the Soviets anticipate an early breakthrough into those Baltic areas.

In Italy, a fierce battle raged between tanks of the British Eighth Army and German Panzer units within the strategic Adriatic town of Ortona. Canadians of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's army

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Robbery Occurs at The Home of John Wright

A thief or thieves, entering the home of John Wright, at Bloomsdale, last night, stole goods valued at \$25 to \$30, according to Pennsylvania State Police of South Langhorne barracks.

The intruder gained entrance by breaking a glass in the rear door, reaching in and unlocking the door. Parts of the house were ransacked, and two rings and a small sum of money taken, it is stated.

The theft was discovered by Mr. Wright when he returned home at midnight. The robbery had occurred between five and 12 o'clock. Officer T. Jones, of South Langhorne barracks, is investigating.

THE GREAT GAME OF POLITICS

By FRANK R. KENT
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CIO And The Campaign

Washington, Dec. 18. OF ALL the pressure groups which, through their lobbies in Washington, strive to secure special favors from the Government, the labor lobbies make the most effective use of publicity and propaganda. Particularly is this true of the CIO.

FROM its press agents there flows a steady stream of speeches, statements, announcements and releases, all designed to convey the idea that its bosses are noble men; its aims entirely patriotic and disinterested, and all who dissent or oppose ignorant, reactionary and vicious. So often have such notions been proclaimed that some of these labor overlords now believe in them themselves. One effect of this publicity is to cover up the record. It

Doylestown Couple Mark Their 59th Anniversary

DOYLESTOWN, Dec. 23.—A Doylestown couple celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary this week. They are Mr. and Mrs. Oliver S. Gruver, who were wed on December 20, 1884, by the Rev. W. A. Patton.

Mr. and Mrs. Gruver have been residents of the county seat 56 years and have been taking up residence here, lived in the Pebble Hill section three years.

Mrs. Gruver, who is 85 years old, is the daughter of the late Amos and Lydia White, Franconia, and Mr. Gruver, who is 82 years old, is a native of Tinticum, a son of the late Reuben and Sarah Gruver. He was engaged as a carpenter for many years.

The bride and groom of almost three score years ago are enjoying good health. They are members of the First Baptist Church, here.

ADMITS DRIVING CAR WHICH STRUCK YOUTH

Frank Bowden, Trenton, N. J., is Questioned By State Police

LAD IS NOW AT HOME

Frank Bowden, of South Lenape street, Trenton, N. J., questioned at length by Pennsylvania Motor Police, has admitted, officers state, that he was the driver of the car which on Tuesday evening struck James Robert Bowker, 11, of McKinley street, as the lad was riding his bicycle in Edgely.

The Bowker boy, taken to Harriman Hospital for treatment, has now returned to his home, he being treated for contusions of the left eye.

According to police records, Bowden stopped at the scene after striking the lad, and gave his license number to Lawrence Cook, of Edgely. Someone else took the injured boy to the hospital, and Bowden continued to his work, he being employed as a time-keeper at one of the plants of Fleetwings, Division of Kaiser Cargo, Inc.

In attempting to ascertain who the driver of the car was, police secured the license number, then interrogated Bowden, who at first denied he was involved in any accident, police state. Later, Bowden admitted he was the driver of the car in question, and stated he was afraid and thus did not admit that he had struck the lad. No charge has been lodged as yet.

Red paint from the Bowker boy's bicycle appears on the bumper of the Bowden car; and the rear wheel of the bicycle is broken, it is stated.

Officer Newton investigated the case.

Tip-Toppers' Class Has Jolly Yuletide Party

EMILIE, Dec. 23.—The Tip-Toppers Sunday School class held a business meeting and Christmas party on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Warren Bruce.

Those attending were: the teacher of the class, Mrs. Frank Hibbs; Mrs. Howard Eichhorn, Mrs. Virgie Winterstein, Mrs. Edwina Dillon, Mrs. John Bixler, Mrs. William Lovett, Miss Dorothy Lovett, Mrs. Harry Morrell, Miss Gladys Wink, Miss Martha Prall and Mrs. Warren Bruce.

Refreshments were enjoyed and "secret pal" gifts were exchanged.

PRISON NOT JUST A PLACE TO CONFINED AND PUNISH OFFENDERS OF THE LAWS, BUT A PLACE TO REHABILITATE THEM

DOYLESTOWN, Dec. 23.—"Every prison or correctional agency is a public trust. Therefore a periodic annual or biennial report to the taxpayers should be regarded as a duty to every prison administrator. Prisons are not just a place to confine and punish the offenders of the laws, but a place to rehabilitate those confined."

That is the expression of Warden Earl D. Handy of the Bucks County Prison, who has submitted his annual report as warden.

"Juvenile delinquency is a real challenge today," Warden Handy told newspapermen yesterday. "In the first place, the public has become delinquent-conscious, and is more aware today than ever before of the boy or girl who gets into trouble. It is the duty of all, but more so to those who are interested in youth, to do their part, give of their time and money to correct this situation."

Warden Handy is of the opinion that the church, the home and the school will also have to do their share and realize their responsibility. He is also 100 per cent in favor of supervised recreation, and says that it must be encouraged and financed by all.

Warden Handy says the number of female prisoners is on the increase but the total number of prisoners has decreased in the Bucks County Prison. With jobs and money more plentiful, and due to the fact that many are in the Armed Forces of the United States, this decrease is justified, Warden Handy contends.

At the Bucks County Prison a work program has been carried out successfully. Many prisoners, Warden Handy reports, are not overly anxious to work, but from the benefits derived by the prisoners it more than pays both physically and mentally, he says.

"If prisoners work regularly they sleep better," he said. "And they incidentally eat better and behave better when they work regularly. You have very little trouble with the inmate that is kept busy; in fact, they do not have time to get into trouble."

Warden Handy is of the opinion, however, that the type of work should be worthwhile. The work at his prison consists of general de-

tails, minor repairs, clean-up, farm work and construction work. General details takes in minor repairs, cleaning, cooking, laundrywork, firing and other miscellaneous duties. The farm work consists of the work in the prison garden and work as required by the Bucks County Home Farm.

This year the prisoners have all helped with construction work at the prison and the County Home under the supervision of Albert Darrah.

Warden Handy has compiled a list of man hours of labor done by prisoners outside of the prison proper as follows: Bucks County Home, farm work, 2979 hours; Bucks County Home, construction work, 3651 hours; Bucks County Court House, cleaning snow, leaves, etc., 451 hours.

In the prison kitchen over 6,000 quarts of vegetables were canned during the past year from products grown in the prison garden. Many prisoners have remarked that they will know how and be able to can in their own homes when released.

An adequate record and filing system is kept of every person committed. All reports are sent in regularly to the county, State, Department of Welfare and the Pennsylvania State Parole Board, as required.

Warden Handy says there is a genuine effort made by the prison staff to secure employment for any inmate whether under State or county control.

Many hours of labor have been put in trying to beautify the prison grounds with flower beds which are filled with annuals and perennials. The prison canteen has been operated very successfully during the past year. The small profit made is used to purchase tobacco for the inmates who do not have money. Athletic equipment is also purchased from this fund.

The following is a list of inmates received, discharged, transferred, etc., up to and including December 21, 1943:

Committed during the year, 383; discharged during the year, 399; committed by court, 80; sentenced by Justice of Peace, 70; discharged by Justices on precept, 175; released on parole by court, 42; released

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NAMED POSTHUMOUSLY AS MEMBER OF POST

Memory of Late Seaman K. R. Bellerby Honored At Doylestown

FATHER IS A MEMBER

DOYLESTOWN, Dec. 23.—A posthumous membership in the Albert R. Atkinson, Jr., Post, No. 219, American Legion, was accorded the late Seaman Kenneth R. Bellerby, this week. Seaman Bellerby's father, Horace D. Bellerby, is a member of the veterans' organization.

The deceased, who was 19 years of age, was buried at sea in November. He is the fourth young man to be posthumously elected a member of Atkinson Post.

During the meeting, which was attended by about 25 members and which was in charge of Commander Fred J. Dietz, the post decided to place in the meeting room an honor roll and to place on it the names of all casualties who have been made posthumous members of the organization.

Capt. George C. Butler read resolutions on the death of Seaman Bellerby, and these were adopted by the post. A copy of the resolutions will be sent to the parents.

William A. May, chairman of the membership committee, was given credit for steadily increasing the membership, and during the evening he announced that 127 members have paid their dues for the current year. Commander Dietz announced the membership in the

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GUIDANCE PROGRAM PROVING A SUCCESS

Miss Marion E. Peck and John Burriss in Charge Of the Program

AIDING THE STUDENTS

With Miss Marion E. Peck and John Burriss in charge, the newly installed guidance program at Bristol high school is proving a successful undertaking.

The former Bristol high school students, who are in the service of their country, those who entered service before completing their course, are being contacted by the supervisors of guidance. These students are given information of a plan by which they may receive diplomas.

The American Council Guidance folders have been purchased for every student in the Junior and Senior High School. They will contain records of all phases of student life; it is hoped that through a better understanding of the student, a great accomplishment and adjustment will result. In the case of boys, certain information for Selective Service will be taken from the school Guidance records.

The Kuder Preference Test to assist in determining career and course will be given within the next few weeks to all students. Incidentally, the faculty is going to take it too.

FOR WHAT HE DIDN'T SAY

DOYLESTOWN, Pa. — (INS) — Ninety-year-old William Black, of Upper Black Eddy, has applied for a hunting license. He said he wanted to do some gunning near his home.

SHOPPING DAY LEFT

Can't wait any longer!

Buy Christmas Seals

Dr. Wesley Massinger, 71, Dies; Pneumonia Victim

CHALFONT, Dec. 23.—Dr. Wesley Massinger, 71, a veterinarian, died at his home here, Monday, following an attack of bronchial pneumonia.

He had been engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine for the past 49 years.

Dr. Massinger received his early education at the Doylestown English and Classical Seminary and Pennington Seminary, and later was graduated from the New York College of Veterinary Surgeons.

A son of the late Charles and Amanda Massinger, the deceased began his practice in New York State, but later located in this borough, where he has been practicing since. For forty-two years he was a member of the faculty of National Farm School, near Doylestown. He at one time was a member of the Chalfont School Board.

STOCKHAM ADVANCES REMEDIAL PROGRAM

Juvenile Delinquency Partly Due to "Governmental Paternalism"

"ADULT DEFICIENCY"

By John Paget

I. N. S. Staff Correspondent

HARRISBURG, Dec. 23.—(INS)—An increase in juvenile delinquency resulting from "governmental paternalism and adult deficiencies," prompted Rep. Thomas B. Stockham, of Bucks County, to advance today a broad remedial program demanding the co-operation of churches, schools and civic organizations.

The veteran Republican legislator, a member of the Interstate Co-operation Commission studying youthful delinquencies, said it was difficult "to divorce certain political factors" from the problem.

"Today's wave of juvenile delinquency is the harvest of the years of depression and the attitude of our adult population created by the paternalism of government which has weakened the sense of responsibility of the home," Stockham declared.

"The lavish expenditure of money, done with a view to restore a prosperous condition in the country, created a peculiar idea on the part of many people that the administration was the big parent and in turn the administration's delinquency plays a great part in this condition," he stated.

Churches, schools and civic organizations as well as the leaders of the Boy Scouts of America and the American Legion should study local problems and shape their programs toward providing interest in other things than "roaming the streets."

"Our great fraternal institutions should step out to make felt the influence of the high standards and the great ideals of which they boast and do their part," Stockham said. "Leaders of industry and labor working together for so noble a cause as to save the youth of this country will do more toward a complete understanding of their problems than by any other method."

He pointed out that parents working in war plants or otherwise engaged have forgotten their responsibilities and, in many instances, have unsuccessfully relied upon government-sponsored projects to offset the delinquency.

"The hypocrisy, waste, extravagance, deceit and dishonesty, which seems to be so manifest in high places, has weakened our morale."

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Emergency Squads Meet In Croydon Fire Station

CROYDON, Dec. 23.—The New Jersey State First Aid Council Fourth District, comprising the emergency and ambulance squads of Salem, Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Gloucester and Cumberland counties, New Jersey, and Bucks County, Pa., met Monday night in the Croydon Fire House, the Bucks County Rescue Squad's quarters being too small to accommodate the delegates.

The district is presided over by Robert Porter, chief of the Bucks County Rescue Squad. Sixty-three delegates attended the meeting, the State President of the Council, Harold Deneger, Allentown, N. J., with Earl Sutvan, first vice-president of the council, from Laurel Springs, N. J., were the guest of the local squad.

Dr. George Fox, Harriman Hospital, Bristol, was the speaker and instructor of the evening. Dr. Fox's lecture and stories held old timers on the edge of their seats.

A Christmas party, followed with a luncheon and gifts to all on an exchange basis, topped off the evening and early hours of the morning.

Reveal Identity of Class Mystery Sisters

NEWPORTVILLE, Dec. 23.—The Women's Bible Class of Newportville Community Church—Presbyterian, held its Christmas party on Dec. 15th at the home of Mrs. Charles Everett, one of the members.

The meeting was opened by prayer by the teacher, Mrs. James Barclay, followed by carol singing by the group, also vocal solos by Mrs. J. Lowrie and Mrs. F. Wimmersberger.

New officers were chosen as follows: President, Mrs. C. Bently Collins; vice-president, Mrs. Charles Everett; secretary, Mrs. A. Wright; treasurer, Mrs. M. McCaughy. A Christmas tree was in the living room, with gifts under it for Mrs. Barclay, the teacher, and for the retiring officers. Gifts were exchanged among the members from their "mystery" sisters, and new "mystery" sisters chosen for the coming year. Each one received a humorous gift also. Refreshments were served at a table decorated in keeping with Christmas.

Others attending: Mrs. H. Backhouse, Mrs. Fred Cotshott, Mrs. Herbert Oldham, Mrs. Clarence Oldham, Mrs. George Emy, Mrs. R. Childs, Mrs. W. Dost, Mrs. William Vandegriff, Mrs. William Potts, Mrs. J. Wallace, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Albert Thompson, Mrs. Edith Reese, Mrs. Herman Becker.

ENTERTAINMENT GIVEN AT EMILIE CHURCH

Vocal and Instrumental Numbers Interspersed With Recitations

SANTA GIVES GIFTS

EMILIE, Dec. 23.—The Emilie Sunday School held its Christmas entertainment on Monday evening.

The program was opened by a melody of Christmas carols played by Mrs. William Lovett, organist, and the Misses Harriet Lodge and Dorothy Lancaster, violins.

An accordion solo was offered by Mrs. John Bixler, and an instrumental trio by Mrs. Bixler and the Misses Lodge and Lancaster.

The children of the primary department contributed to the pro-

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LATEST NEWS BULLETINS

To Halt Flow of Bootleg Gasoline

Harrisburg.—The State moved today to halt the flow of bootleg gasoline by refusing to issue motor licenses to persons acquiring used cars unless they first surrender the ration book of the former owner to their rationing board.

The plan, announced by Secretary of Revenue David W. Harris, will become effective January 1. Harris pledged state co-operation with the Office of Price Administration following conferences at Harrisburg between regional and district OPA officials.

Two Firemen Seriously Injured

Philadelphia.—Two firemen were seriously injured and damage estimated at \$150,000 was done today when two multi-alarm fires within a half-block destroyed a drug warehouse and metal factory and for a time threatened the heart of the Quaker City's waterfront.

One of the injured firemen received a broken back, the other a broken leg while battling the flames in sub-freezing weather. Eyewitnesses said a stiff wind whipped virtual "blankets" of burning rags onto the roofs of the Betsy Ross House and historic Christ Church, both nearby. Volunteers manned posts in the dock and produce areas, where sparks showered onto streets and buildings, but no damage was reported.

Reveal Smashing Defeat of "Jap" Aerial Armada

Chungking.—Details of a new, smashing defeat of a Japanese aerial armada attempting to attack a main American dome in China were revealed today in an official statement which disclosed that more than 50 per cent of the enemy force was destroyed or damaged.

Prepare Arawe Base for Launching of Attacks

General MacArthur's Headquarters, New Guinea.—Preparation of the captured Arawe area as a base from which air, sea and land attacks will be launched against the Japs has been officially reported here.

EXONERATED OF BLAME FOR DEATH OF OAKFORD MAN

Coroner's Jury Decides Edward Trainer Should Not Be Held Responsible

MAN'S HEAD CRUSHED

Body Was Found Along Highway by John Weidman

The person responsible for the death of Ralph Cernegne, 45, Oakford, on the morning of November 26th, still remains unidentified. A coroner's inquest failed to hold anyone responsible and decided that Cernegne's skull was crushed apparently by the wheel of an automobile "but that no evidence was presented to accuse Edward Trainer." The jury exonerated Trainer of all blame.

The inquest was held in the Municipal Building here, last night, by Bucks County Coroner, Dr. H. Clayton Moyer. The jury consisted of Ralph Ratcliffe, foreman; John Johnson, James H. Brooks, Edward Dougherty, Watson Dudley and George R. Bushler.

Deputy coroner, J. Alfred Ritchy, told the jury that he was called to the scene on the old Lincoln Highway at Oakford at about 7:40 on the morning of November 26th. Arriving there he found Private Newton, of Penna. State Police and that he and the officer agreed that Cernegne's head had been crushed by the wheel of an automobile and that the injury had not been inflicted by the victim banging his head against the roadway.

Private Newton told of arriving at the scene which is along a two-lane highway in Bensalem Township, three miles west of South Langhorne. The officer said that his investigation revealed that the victim was subject to epileptic fits but that in the opinion of himself and the deputy coroner the man's head had been run over. The body laid just over the crest of a hill and the man's sister with whom he lived said that he had left her home to go to work at about 6:30.

John Weidman, Oakford, was the one who discovered the body lying in the roadway with face down and head near the white line in the center. The witness stated that a motorist coming over the grade would not have been able to see a body lying in the road until he was nearly upon it. Weidman pulled his truck partly off the road and directed traffic around the body.

Edward Trainer, Somerton, was the first to arrive and seeing Weidman waving his arms to divert traffic swerved around the Weidman truck going into southbound traffic lane and then swinging back into the northbound lane. He said he saw a "mass of material" in the highway and swerved his car to avoid striking it. "I thought I missed it but after reconstructing it thought that the edge of my right front tire may have touched the man's head."

Trainer told the jury that after driving past the body he stopped his car and came back to the spot. He otherwise confirmed the testimony of Weidman.

HONOR A SELECTEE

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reeves, Chestnut street, entertained at dinner on Sunday in honor of their son, Charles, who left for the army, Wednesday. Those served were: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reeves and family, Mrs. John Keller and son John, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnes and son Albert, Frank Mouston, Benjamin Sheetz and Lewis Helting.

Read the church news every Friday and Saturday in the Courier.

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WHAT OUR BOYS ARE DOING TO WIN THE WAR

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GRAND FORKS, N. D., Dec. 23.—Sedco J. Month, 22, of Tullytown, Pa., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Month, Main street, Tullytown, Pa., has arrived at University of North Dakota for course of Army Air Forces instruction lasting up to five months prior to his appointment as an Aviation Cadet in the Army Air Forces. During this period he will take numerous academic courses, as well as elementary flying training. Upon completion of his college training he will be classified as a pilot, navigator or bombardier and go on to schools of the Training Command for training in these specialties.

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THE ACCUSING FINGER

Two years after Pearl Harbor, Congress made a contribution to democracy by ordering the trials of the Army and Navy commanders in Hawaii at that time to be held within six months.

The men—Lieut. Gen. Walter C. Short and Admiral Husband E. Kimmel—were summarily relieved of their command by President Roosevelt. They stand accused of dereliction of duty in that they were not as alert on the defense as the strained relations of the United States and Japan should have suggested to good judgment. Both men have since been automatically retired under the age rule.

Considerations of the national security have been pleaded to justify the delay in their trials. But other factors seem to have overpowered the undeniable force of this plea. The morale of all high commanders has certainly not been helped by the knowledge that they may be struck down without a hearing in time to save their professional careers.

Secretary Hull has reported that the administration was fully informed of Japan's purpose to reject all offers of an agreement to avert war. The Roberts report implied that this information was sent to the Pearl Harbor commanders through the War and Navy departments. The question has been—and is—whether the proper orders were given to the two commanders.

That question is the accusing finger. If such orders were sent, blame of undetermined degree can be attached to the commanders. But if the situation was not handled in Washington with adequate seriousness, and appropriate orders were not sent to Hawaii, who was at fault?

TRUE PATRIOTISM

What is patriotism? This seems a pertinent question in this season when the Christian world, now embroiled in a war to beat back the forces of totalitarian paganism, celebrates the nativity of One Who came into the world to enlist men under the banner of world brotherhood. His kingdom was of another world, yet He upheld patriotism when He said, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's."

What, then, is patriotism? Is it waving a flag and singing a national anthem? Patriotism is more than that. Patriotism is faith—faith in one's own land, in its people, in its spiritual strength as distinct from its physical might, in its fitness to lead the people to the fullest measure of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Patriotism is hope—hope that calls on the people not to give up when the burden seems heavy, for then is the time to put trust in the ultimate hope that things will be better, that out of work and tears, yes, out of bloodshed, a better nation will be built. Patriotism is, above all, charity—the recognition of and respect for the rights and privileges of other nations which might not be so powerful. Charity makes patriotism workable in a world of many nations and many peoples.

CHAPTER FORTY-ONE

I was just pushing back the covers to examine that bathroom lock when I heard the merest whisper of sound through the stormy night. Stiff from terror, my eyes straining through the darkness, I saw the hall door open—a narrow slice of light showing as it opened, and a second later a ghostly bulk slipped through and noiselessly closed the door.

There wasn't the slightest sound in the room now. Peter couldn't have heard! The tumultuous night smothered that merest whisper of sound as the door opened and the movement of feet creeping closer and closer to my bed. . . . If there were just some noise to startle the murderer! And alarm Peter. . . .

The murderer was close!

I knew it. I knew that I had only to reach out my hand now, and I would touch the bulk of that shadow. My eyes were closed fast, screams crowded my throat. Suddenly my eyes flew open and as lightning flashed, I saw the ghostly bulk poised and ready, the blurred white patch that was—

SANDRA KEITH'S FACE!

A scream choked on my lips; a sound came, scarcely louder than a sigh. Then the bed I was on seemed to be sinking. . . . down, down. . . .

The last thing I remembered was that a blurred white patch that was no longer Sandra's face but a grotesque foreshortened semblance of it, and an indistinct elongated shadow separating from the bulk of the shadow. . . . An arm! And something glittering. . . . something catching the reflection of another single shaft of lightning. . . .

Then I managed to scream, and lights blazed up suddenly in the room. Peter's voice drew me back abruptly from that world of faint, ignominious darkness which had almost claimed me. I saw a great many things at once. . . .

Peter, his face gray, his eyes blazing, leaping across the wide room from the bath, a small revolver in his right hand. . . . The figure beside the bed whirling, with fire-tongs upraised!

Just as those fire-tongs were swung, Peter swerved and fired once. A panel of the bathroom door splintered. The rigid figure beside me cried out in pain, the hand that clutched at my shoulder showed a trickle of blood. . . . His eyes were darting about, seeking escape. One step was taken. . . .

"LUKE CRAMER!" I whispered, as he crumpled to the floor. "LUKE!"

I had expected it. I had known Luke Cramer was guilty. And yet seeing Sandra Keith beside my bed, and now Luke sinking to the floor, was a terrific shock. I tried to clear my head, shaking it miserably. . . . Had I not seen Sandra Keith beside my bed in a bad dream born of hysteria?

Then I saw Sandra!

She was leaning against the wall at the head of my bed, white-faced, still too frightened to move. . . . I stared at her. Finally she spoke. "I came to talk with you, Letty. I didn't want anyone else to know. I came to ask you not to tell Cloy Barkley or the police or anybody anything about Vic—and Marcella Kingsley. I was about to awaken you when I heard the doorknob. I pressed up against this wall here,

Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at eight o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tilley.

ANNIVERSARY OF GIFT OF THE CHRIST TO THE WORLD TO BE OBSERVED IN CHRISTIAN CHURCHES DURING THE CHRISTMAS WEEK-END

The anniversary of the Great Gift of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, will be observed in churches where His followers worship during the Christmas week-end.

"Our Response to God's Gift," "What Christ Wants for Christmas," "God's Great Love and His Gift" are a few of the subjects for consideration in the churches.

The children will participate in some services on this day of days, and Christmas music will feature by the choirs.

The services in the churches suburban to Bristol are:

Croydon Lutheran Church
St. Luke's Lutheran Church, State Road and Excelsior avenue, Croydon, the Rev. T. Kohlmeier, pastor. Traditional children's Christmas eve service will be conducted on Friday at seven p. m., carols, recitations and the Christmas story told and sung by the children will be featured; Christmas Day services will be conducted on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

The services on Sunday: Sunday School, at 9:45; and the service at 11 a. m. On Sunday evening a special candle-light carol service will be conducted at eight o'clock. On New Year's Eve, services will be conducted at eight p. m. Holy Communion will be celebrated in that service.

Edgington Presbyterian Church
The Rev. Arthur D. Sargis, pastor. Morning worship, at 11 o'clock; Sunday School, at 9:45 o'clock, the lesson is entitled "God's Great Love and His Gift," evening worship, at 7:45 o'clock.

Christmas Day services will be held on the 25th at ten o'clock. There will be roll call of all new members received since last Christmas.

Annual Watchnight Service will be held on December 31st at 11 p. m.

The Sunday School festival, which had been postponed, will be held on Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Christ Episcopal Church
Bristol Pike, Edgington, the Rev. Arthur P. Gibson, rector; Sunday, St. Stephen's Day, Holy Communion, eight a. m.; Church School and Bible Class, 9:45 a. m.; Holy Communion and sermon, 11 a. m.

Monday, St. John the Evangelist Day, Holy Communion, eight a. m.; Tuesday, Holy Innocents' Day, Holy Communion, eight a. m.; Thursday, Holy Communion, eight a. m.; January 1, Circumcision, Holy Communion, eight a. m.

On Christmas Day, there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at eight and 10 a. m.

Andalusia Episcopal Church
Church of the Redeemer, Bristol Pike, Andalusia, the Rev. Arthur P. Gibson, rector; Christmas Eve service, 11 o'clock, Holy Communion and sermon at midnight, special music by the choir.

Tuesday and Thursday, library nights, 6:30 to eight p. m.; Thursday, choir rehearsal, eight p. m.; Sunday morning prayer, 11 a. m.

Bensalem Presbyterian Church
The Rev. Henry Cunningham, minister; Christmas candle-light service at 10:30 a. m. Sunday, this will be a union service of Church and Sunday School.

The Christmas entertainment will be held on Wednesday at eight p. m.

South Langhorne Gospel Church
Grace Gospel Church, meeting in Red Men's Hall, South Langhorne, the Rev. William J. Oxenford, pastor; Sunday School, 10 a. m.; morning service, at 11 o'clock; "What Christ Wants for Christmas" will be the theme of the message; evening service at 7:30 instead of the usual eight o'clock hour. The boys and girls of the Sunday School will assist the pastor in presenting a hand-drawn message entitled "Three Christmas Lights." The program will be concluded with the bringing of "White Gifts for the King."

Holmesville Methodist Church
The Rev. Adolphe Glen Cloud, pastor; Sunday, December 26, 10 a. m., the Church School Hour, lesson, "Our Response to God's Gift," 11 a. m., divine worship, the pastor will preach his post-Christmas sermon. There will be no meetings of either the Youth Fellowship or of the Friendly Service on Sunday evening.

Friday, December 31st; 10 p. m. to midnight, Watch Night service, and old-fashioned Methodist love feast.

Newportville Community Church - Presbyterian
Sunday School for all ages at 10 a. m., at which time Christmas exercises will take place, all classes assembling in the church together; morning worship, at 11; Julius E. Scheidel, pastor; Y. P. C. U. and Junior Fellowship, at seven p. m.; special evening service at eight.

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THE GREAT GAME OF POLITICS

By FRANK R. KENT

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dates for Congress in accord with CIO views and to defeat all others. Its ability to do either is largely a bluff, but the publicity is designed to scare candidates into feeling that they cannot take a chance.

THE CLAIM is that the committee has no candidate for President, but this is not true. It is distinctly a Roosevelt agency. All its leaders are working for the fourth term and the only difference between their position and that of Mr. Earl Browder, the head Communist, is that Mr. Browder has come out openly and they have not. One reason for this is that there is an element in the CIO which rather resents being delivered in advance. It is thought best not to be too drastic with this element. Another is because the pretense of non-

partisanship is believed to make a declaration after the nomination more effective than one, like Mr. Browder's months in advance. But it is a fourth-term setup just the same. Incidental evidence of this is the number of New Deal ex-Government officials who are being absorbed in the CIO organization.

IT, of course, is natural for the CIO to line up with the fourth-term movement. For years there has been a close political alliance between it and the President. Mrs. Roosevelt is a member of a CIO union and frequently addresses its meetings. Its present leaders are close personally to Mr. Roosevelt. It would be absurd for them not to want him continued in power. The rank and file may not be so for the fourth term but the CIO leaders are, incidentally, there is considerable chagrin among these over Brother Browder's declaration. They do not like seeming to follow the Browder lead and they wish he would keep quiet.

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exceedingly resentful over the strikes and much disgusted with the way in which the labor bosses have used the war to grab for more power and more money. Their opposition to a candidate may prove an asset instead of a liability. Members of Congress might profitably consider these facts the next time.

LEGAL NOTICE

I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by any one but myself.

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12-11-43

Wanted—Rooms or Board 73

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The improvements are a 2 1/2 story frame house 16x22 feet with a 2 1/2 story frame and attached 15x20 feet containing three rooms on the first floor and three rooms and bath on the second floor.

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FRANCIS G. MYERS, Sheriff, Sheriff's Office, Doylestown, Pa., December 8th, 1943.

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The production front is just as important to victory as the fighting front. In order to keep up production of Plexiglas, Crystalite, Lethane, Primal, Lykopol and other vital war materials, we must bring in workers from outside areas—and they must have living quarters.

If you have a spare room for a man or woman in Bristol or vicinity, here is a chance to help the war effort and add to your income at the same time. Phone Bristol 875—ask for Personnel Dept. If you have registered your room with us, be sure to phone us whenever it is vacant, so we can send you a new roomer promptly.

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there are threats from this direction.

LEGAL SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of a writ of Levari Facias to me directed, will be sold at public sale on Friday, the 27th day of January, 1944, at 11 o'clock A. M. (12 W. T.) at the Sheriff's Office, in the Borough of Doylestown, Bucks County, Pa., the following real estate, to wit:

All that Parcel, Lot or Piece of Ground, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate on the Township of Bristol, in the County of Bucks and State of Pennsylvania, being lots Nos. 59 and 60 in Block 11 on the map or plan entitled "Bloomdale on the Delaware, Section 1, Map 2, Bloomdale Estate Company," Addition to Bristol and Edgely, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, 1929, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in Bucks County aforesaid in Plan Book 1, pg. 17.

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NOTICE

TO ALL TAXPAYERS OF THE COUNTY OF BUCKS AND OTHER INTERESTED

Notice is hereby given that the ASSIGNMENT ROLL has been prepared and submitted by the Chief Assessor of Bucks County to the Board of Assessment and Revision of Taxes, of Bucks County, in the

form prescribed by said Board with list of persons and property subject to local taxation, together with the value placed upon each person, each parcel or tract of land, and the personal property of each person, also a list of property exempted by law from taxation, as required by the Act of General Assembly of Pennsylvania, approved May 21, 1918 being Act No. 254.

The said Assessment Roll shall be open to public inspection at the Office of the Board of Assessment and Revision of Taxes in the Administration Building at Doylestown, Bucks County, Pa., during the ordinary business hours of each business day for a period of thirty days, said business hours being from 9:00 A. M. until 4:00 P. M., on each Monday to Friday inclusive and on each Saturday from 9:00 A. M. to 12:00 Noon, except on Christmas and New Year's day, or other legal holidays.

You are notified that any person aggrieved by any assessment may appeal to the Board of Assessment and Revision of Taxes for relief. Any person desiring to make an appeal shall file with the Board, within thirty days from the date of this notice, a statement in writing of the grounds on which he desires to appeal, setting forth (1) the assessment or assessments by which such person feels aggrieved; and (2) the address to which the Board shall mail notice of when and where to appear for hearing. The Act provides: "No person shall be permitted to appeal from any assessment in any year unless he shall have first filed the statement of intention required, nor shall any person be permitted to appeal as to any assessment not designated in such statement."

In addition to the notice of intention to file an appeal, any person desiring to appeal from any assessment shall file a statement in writing of the grounds on which he desires to appeal from the Board, within two and one-half months from the date of this notice, to wit: on or before the 10th day of March 1944. Dated at Doylestown, Pa., December 23rd, 1943.

JOSEPH D. BAKER, SIMON K. MOYER, CALVIN W. MOYER, Board of Assessment and Revision of Taxes.

Q-12-23-44.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

All copy must be received not later than 10 a. m., for publication on that day. Minimum cost, 30 cents. When insertions are not consecutive, one-day rate applies.

Announcements

Cards of Thanks 2

WE WISH TO THANK—Our friends and neighbors for kindness shown at the time of our recent bereavement.

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A CONVENIENT PLAN—For moderate funerals. William I. Murphy Est., 316 Jefferson Ave., Bristol, Pa., phone 2417.

Strayed, Lost, Found

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LOST—New firemen's helmet, going to fire, initials "U. F. C." Return to Union Fire Co., State Road, Cornwells Manor, Ph. Corn. 0341.

LOST—Fem. collie pup, 7 mos. old. Answers to name "Connie." Child's pet. Reward R. Hoelzie, 124 Schumacher Dr., Bristol Terrace.

Automotive

Automobiles for Sale 11

BEFORE YOU BUY—That used car, look at our selection. Simpson Chevrolet, Inc., 222 E. Bridge St., Morrisville, Pa.

Business Service

Business Services Offered 18

ELEC. REFRIG. SERVICE—Merle A. Eldredge, 38 E. Hendrickson Ave., Morrisville, Phone Morris. 3933 or Bristol 2418.

Building and Contracting

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ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR—George P. Bailey, ph. Bristol 7125.

FOR ANY CONSTRUCTION—Maintenance or repairs call Brs. 2400 or Mor. 7441. Financing arranged.

BIRD ROOFS & SIDING—Financing arranged. Delaware Roofing Co., Newport Rd., West Bristol, Phone Bristol 7315.

Moving, Trucking, Storage

25

MOVING & HAULING—With our padded van. It insures safe delivery. Wm. Di Nunzio, 305 Dorrance St. Phone 3461.

MOVING & HAULING—Of all description. Also padded van service. Joe Gross, Orchard Ave. and State Road, or phone Bristol 7972 after 5:30 p. m.

Painting, Papering, Decorating

26

PAPERHANGING & PAINTING—Also sanding of floors. Anthony DiNunzio & Son, 902 Jefferson avenue, phone 3184.

Employment

Help Wanted—Female 32

STENOGRAPHER—BOOKKEEPER—Work in Bristol, permanent. State age, exper. & refer. Write Box No. 572, Courier Office.

Help Wanted—Male 33

FIREMAN WANTED—At Croydon plant. Apply with statement of availability to Employment Office, Hunter Mfg. Corp., Croydon, Pa.

CARPENTERS WANTED—Maintenance work. Apply with statement of availability, at the employment office of Hunter Mfg. Corp., Croydon.

Real Estate for Rent

Rooms with Board 67

EMILIE—2 furnished rooms, With or without board. All conv. Phone Bristol 7348.

Rooms without Board 68

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Apartments and Flats 74

2 ROOMS & BATH—Furn. or unfurn. Apply 310 Lincoln avenue. Side entrance.

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Houses for Rent

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GREEN LANE & Beaver Dam Rd., new single homes for defense workers. Rent \$49 per month. Sale \$4750 and \$4850. Bristol Defense Homes, Inc. Apply at sample house on Green Lane.

Newportville Heights—Clear-view ave., bungalow. Adults only. Newly papered & painted. Phone Holmesville 6570.

Houses for Sale

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2 1/2 STORY FRAME DWELLING—225 Franklin St., hot air heat & bath. For information call at Keystone Hotel, bet. hrs. 5 to 7:30 p. m. Louis Conti, Room No. 3.

Livestock

Horses, Cattle, Other Stock 48

COWS—Several springers, some milking; 6 brood sows; 100 rock pullets and roosters. Call noon or night. Vernon Elise, phone Morrisville 3628.

SADDLE HORSE—Black, gelding, western, a real beauty. Must be satisfied or money will be refunded. Also ponies, harness and saddles. Phone Bristol 544.

Poultry and Supplies 49

ROASTING CHICKENS—Ducks & fresh eggs. Charles Goodbred, Newportville, Ph. Bristol 7813.

Merchandise for Sale

Articles for Sale 51

WURLITZER JUKE BOX—Red & yellow lights, 24 records; Rokola juke box, all color lights, 20 records. Both late models. (Will grease, oil & look over once a month, free.) 4 lengths galv. pipe, 2 1/2 ft. long; leather coat, size 46. Blue Comet Gas Sta., Bristol Pike, Croydon.

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BOYS' BICYCLE—26 in. Balloon tires. Child's 3 wheel tricycle, large size, reconditioned like new. Apply 225 McKinley St.

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Household Goods

59

LIVING ROOM SUITE—Radio, top, ice, kitchen set, maple bed complete. Apply 1916 Trenton av.

Musical Merchandise 62

ACCORDION—120 bass, 41 keys. Reas. Phone Bristol 7250. Call evenings.

Specials at the Stores

CHRISTMAS TREES—1000, fresh cut Pocono Mt. trees at Ohio Harry's, on highway at S. Langhorne. Extra large trees for churches, halls, etc. Also live potted trees, mistletoe & holly. Open evenings. Ph. Langhorne 9985.

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Wanted—To Buy

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HIGHEST CASH PRICES PAID—For scrap iron & metal, junk cars and trucks. Used auto parts for sale. Crawford's, Bath Road at Midway, Phone Bristol 3168.

TRAPPERS—Highest prices paid for your skins of all kinds. Alex Crawford, 703 Pine St.

Choose New Officers At Yule Party for S. S. Class

NEWPORTVILLE, Dec. 23—Members of Sunday School Class, No. 7, Newportville Community Church—Presbyterian, enjoyed a Christmas party at the home of their teacher, Mrs. Raymond Perpete, Maple Shade, on Friday evening.

New officers were chosen as follows: President, Jacquelin Ingraham; secretary, Joan Dixon; treasurer, Patricia Given.

Gifts were exchanged, and new mystery sisters chosen. Games were played, and prizes awarded. Refreshments were served at a table tastefully decorated in keeping with Christmas season with a small tree for the center-piece. Favors for each were tied with Santa driving, these being filled with candy.

Others attending were: Sarah Smith, Claire Stevenson, Susan Perpete.

***** In a Personal Way ---

INTERESTING items of news mainly about people you know. A chronicle of the activities of the people of Bristol; their goings and comings. ---

To arrange for publication of weddings, telephone The Bristol Courier, Bristol 846, notifying at least a few days in advance the date of ceremony.
Engagement announcements must be submitted in writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Hetherington, Jr., Trenton avenue, spent the week-end in Baltimore, Md., visiting Mr. Hetherington's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Hetherington, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Johnson and son, Richard, Buckley street, spent Sunday in Burlington, N. J., visiting relatives.

Mrs. Minnie Bevan, Dorrance street, spent Tuesday in Camden, N. J., visiting her brother, Henry Most.

Mrs. Peter DeLuca, Lafayette street, has left for Cojnick, N. C., where she will visit her husband who is stationed there.

Mrs. William Halpin, Roosevelt street, spent Monday visiting friends in Media.

Ensign and Mrs. Benjamin Zucker, Sayre, Okla., are the parents of a son born December 15th. The baby weighed 8 1/2 lbs. Mrs. Zucker was formerly Miss Anna Clotti, Jefferson avenue.

Miss Clara Woolman, Philadelphia, spent the week-end with Mrs. Anna Kelly, Madison street.

Miss Frances Tomlinson, a student at West Chester State Teachers' College, is spending the holidays at her home on Race street.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Waugh and family, and Mrs. Catherine Carr, Philadelphia, were Sunday guests

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Today's Quiet Moment

(By the Rev. James R. Galley)

Pastor

Bristol Presbyterian Church

We thank Thee, O Father, for the faith of those who expected the coming of the Christ. Give us the insight to see the struggle of their hearts and minds as they lived in a world of chaos and fear, of persecution and suffering, which nevertheless could not dampen their faith or quench their zeal. The angels of God appeared unto them because they were READY to hear their message. Make us ready, O God, to hear thy voice amidst the turmoil and noise of battle, that He Who was born in the flesh so many years ago may be born anew in our hearts. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

of Mr. and Mrs. John Ennis, Maple street.

Miss Edna Berning, Miss Lois George, Philadelphia; Miss Inez Fowler, Joseph Ellis, S. I. C. New York, were guests during the week-end of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ellis, Buckley street.

R. Jones, Bath street, was on the sick list this week.

Donn Murdock has moved from Beaver street to Radcliffe street.

Mrs. Oliver Runyon, Landreth Manor, has left for Arkansas, where she will spend the holidays with her husband, Pvt. Oliver Runyon.

Miss Gladys Hewitt, Radcliffe street, has left for her home in New Haven, Conn., where she is spending the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Appleton and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Mason

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and family, Walnut street, will be entertained on Christmas at the home of Mrs. Eva Shepherd, Frankford.

Stanley Keers and daughter Lillian, who have been residing in Knoxville, Tenn., will return to their home on Trenton avenue on Friday.

Mrs. Edward Osterhout and Mrs. Robert Osterhout and son "Bubbe", Langhorne, were Wednesday luncheon guests of Mrs. Walter F. Leedom, Mill street.

ON THE SCREENS

GRAND THEATRE

It could be true. The movie explanation of those mysterious rumors and sinister whisperings which seep out of Nazi Germany seems to be founded on credible information. But true or not, "The Strange Death of Adolf Hitler," which came yesterday to the Grand Theatre, is one of the most timely and provocative pictures to reach the screen since Der Fuehrer plunged the world into darkness. Daring and yet strictly plausible in concept, the story is based on the widely accepted belief that the No. 1 Nazi, in constant fear for his own safety, employs impersonators, men who resemble him closely enough to make essential public appearances in places where

an assassination might be attempted.

RITZ THEATRE

Again those indefatigable funsters, Lupe Velez and Leon Errol, bring another of their hilarious offerings to the screen in "Mexican Spiffies' Blessed Event," which opened yesterday at the Ritz Theatre.

"Passport to Suez" is showing at the Ritz.

BRISTOL THEATRE

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Notice to Depositors

In order to extend accommodation to their depositors, the Bristol Trust Company and the Farmers National Bank of Bucks County will remain open on Friday afternoon, December 24th, from four to six P. M., but will not be open that Friday evening.

On Friday, December 31st, the Bristol banks will be open for business from four to six in the afternoon, but will not be open during the evening of that day.

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on parole by State Parole Board, 13; released on bail by Court of Quarter Sessions, 29; committed to Huntingdon Industrial School, 3; to Glen Mills, 4; to Eastern State Penitentiary, 10; to Camp Hill Industrial School, 8; to Norristown State Hospital, 13; to Allentown State Hospital, 3; to Pottsville, 1; to Pennsylvania Industrial School for Women, Muncy, 4; to Kils Lynn School for Boys, 2.

Number of female prisoners committed, 31; number of prisoners held for other counties and States, 5; discharged by court to join the Army or Navy, 4; turned over to the United States Military authorities, 4.

During the past year there were 12 juveniles committed.

The War at A Gance

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crashed into the city's streets and by noon yesterday made their way to the center of town, carving out most of their gains at bayonet-point.

The fall of Ortona, barring the way to the important port of Pescara on the east-west highway into Rome, was expected momentarily. So was the capture of three other enemy strongholds on the Fifth Army's front.

In a "swinging door" sweep, the Americans of Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark's army were seeking to take the vital road junction of Cassino by a combined frontal and encircling drive.

As the Yanks hammered at the outskirts of San Vittore, other Fifth Army units swept forward along a ten-mile front to the north-eastward. After taking a 3,000-foot high mountain peak, they laid siege to Acquafredda and Cardito, in the Filigiano area.

French units, attached to Clark's command, were aiding the Americans, having cleared the lower half of a pass through the Mena Casole mountain mass in a three-day fight.

Meantime, the Allied 'round-the-clock aerial campaign to knock Germany out of the war continued. The Air Ministry announced that RAF bombers attacked enemy targets on the continent after the raiders smashed the Cap de Calais area of France and American heavy bombers blasted unspecified targets in northwestern Germany.

A powerful American air armada was active for the seventh successive day over the Cape Gloucester area of New Britain. Lieut. Gen. George C. Kenney's Fifth Air Force pounded the Japanese installations with 295 tons of explosives and many fires were started. Other bombers pounded the Gasmata airfield on the same island, while American invasion forces expanded and consolidated their Arava beachheads under an umbrella of fighters which broke up three Jap air raids.

HULMEVILLE

George Moser, a naval student at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, is spending six days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Leon Moser.

Little Catherine Reetz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferd. Reetz, is quite ill at her home with grippe.

The week-end was spent by Mrs. William Freund with relatives in Trenton, N. J.

Saturday guests of Mrs. Louise

Gill and Miss Isabelle Gill were Mrs. Lillie Walton, of Frankford; Mrs. William Gill and daughter Barbara Ann, and W. H. Brannigan, of Bristol.

TULLYTOWN

Mrs. Christopher Johnson, Mrs. Emily Baker, Miss Sonia Johnson and Miss Christine Johnson were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Menk, Audubon, N. J., and Mr. and Mrs. Kent Bodine, Haddonfield, N. J.

The Home and School League Christmas party has been postponed from Monday evening to a later date.

Named Posthumously As Member of Post

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State is beyond the 55,000 mark, an increase of over 12,000 for the corresponding period last year.

Letters were received from two members now in the service, Commander Harold K. Hughes, Washington, D. C., and Rollin W. Bessinger, who is aboard a vessel in

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the Pacific. The latter expressed appreciation for the Christmas box sent him, and stated that he had his Thanksgiving dinner at sea.

Capt. Butler informed the members that the American Legion Auxiliary had sent Christmas packages to 29 persons serving overseas and to 42 persons in home service. These persons are relatives of either the members of the post or the auxiliary.

Announcement was made by Commander Dietz that the Ninth District had contributed a total of \$3860 to the Valley Forge General Hospital, near Phoenixville.

Stockham Advances Remedial Program

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and it devolves upon the rank and file of the American people to try to meet this condition," Stockham declared.

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Entertainment Given At Emilie Church

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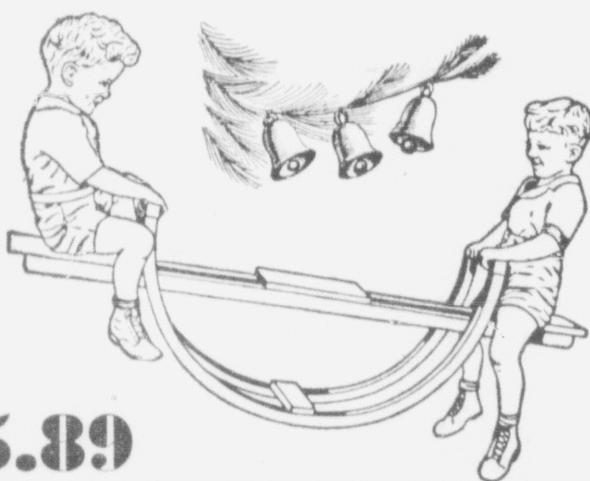
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